

OUR Lady OF THE Angels PARISH

Chermside West Wavell Heights

St Gerard Majella
146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West

St Paschal Baylon
30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

SUNDAY 14th April 2024 Third Sunday of Easter — Year B

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Visitors,

The gospels are replete with stories of Jesus Christ having meals, either with His apostles or with other friends and companions. While some of the meals were held within the feast of the Jewish Passover, others were just normal meals Jesus had in the homes of people like Simon the Pharisee (Luke 7:36) or His close friends like Martha, Mary and Lazarus (Luke 10:40). The letter to the Hebrews says: “for we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize and understand our weaknesses and temptations, but One who has been tempted and knows exactly how it feels to be human in every respect as we are, yet without committing any sin” (Hebrews 4:15). Christ was fully Human and fully Divine. In His humanity, Christ experienced fully what it meant to be hungry and what it meant to enjoy a good meal in the company of friends. Christ had to assume our human nature otherwise our redemption would have appeared superficial and unreal. As Saint Athanasius aptly captured it: “nihil quod non assumptum est, redemptum est”- “what has not been assumed has not been redeemed.” Through the incarnation, Jesus Christ assumed human nature so that He could understand and share in human nature except in sin and so that we humans can also share in the divine life.



In the gospel this weekend, the Risen Christ appeared to His fear-stricken disciples in His glorified Body. ‘Peace be with you,’ Christ greeted them. In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. However, in order to calm the fears of the disciples, the Risen Lord, said to them: “look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones but, as you can see, I have.’ It was glaringly obvious that the invitation of the risen Lord to His disciples to touch and feel His glorified body did not really calm their fears and convince them of Christ’s glorified state. Hence, Christ went further and said to them: “have you anything here to eat?” And they offered Him a piece of grilled fish, which Christ took and ate before their eyes.

Our faith in the Risen Lord assures us that when we die, our life will not be ended but after death, it will only be transformed for the best. In writing to the Corinthians (2 Cor 15:51-57) Saint Paul says: “in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet: for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall rise again incorruptible. And we shall be changed. For this corruptible body must put on incorruptibility: and this mortal body must put on immortality. And when this mortal body has put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? Now the sting of death is sin: and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who hath given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Without the resurrection of Christ from the dead, Christianity is inexplicably non-existent and our faith would have been in vain (1 Cor 15:17). Our faith in the Risen Lord guarantees our own resurrection. With this firm conviction, we can say with Saint Paul, “death is swallowed up in victory. O death,

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APRE: Mrs Kirsten Karey

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MASS TIMES

St Gerard Majella - 146 Maundrell Tce, Chermside West

Mon: 9.00am FRI: 9.00am

Sat 4:30pm Sun: 8:00am & 5:30pm

St Paschal Baylon - 30 Warraba Ave, Wavell Heights

Wed: 8.45am (During School Term)

Thu: 9.00am Sat: 6:00pm Sun: 9:30am

RECONCILIATION is available after Parish Mass
Please approach Fr John

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where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? Now the sting of death is sin: and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." As Christians, we rejoice because the victory of Christ has become our own victory. Our eternal happiness with God in heaven has been assured. Our life on this earth has a purpose and meaning. In the midst of the vicissitudes of life, when, for instance, like the early disciples of Christ, we get stuck by fear and swallowed up by disbelief or when we grapple with trying to make sense of our faith and life in general, let's not lose sight of our eternal destiny with God.

Our Risen Lord in His glorified Body is always with us. The Risen and glorified Lord never abandons us. In those moments, the Risen Lord in the stillness of our hearts, always echoes to us: "Peace be with you."

**God bless you all,
Fr John**

Stewardship

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..."

Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

(Accessed on April 10, 2024 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-biblereflections)

Announcement about the Eternal Guardians Program

"As we look to sustain the future of our parish and our community, we must ensure that our parish ministries and programs continue to thrive. Therefore, it is with great enthusiasm that I join with our Parish Finance Council to provide you information about Eternal Guardians program.

"Eternal Guardian Program has been created specifically to honour all those who remember the Church in their Will, the Eternal Guardians stewardship program celebrates the legacy of gratitude from donors to the future of our faith through gifts in their Wills. All Eternal Guardians give to the mission of the Church and the service of the Gospel in their Wills. The Church in return wishes to show its gratitude by inviting all Eternal Guardians to receive a special blessing from the Archbishop of Brisbane at an annual Thanksgiving Mass followed by lunch. They are also presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a special lapel pin. Please contact Raushen Perera on 07 3324 3632 for more information or visit www.catholicfoundation.org.au."

When you decide to remember the Church in your Will, you become an Eternal Guardian of your faith and your legacy of gratitude creates a ripple effect that will impact those in need over time and through generations. In return, the Church seeks to thank and honour all our benefactors in their lifetime through this program. Leaving a gift of any size in your Will to your parish is a meaningful way to build and sustain the future of our parish facilities, programs, and services so we continue to celebrate our Catholic faith in this corner of the world.

We invite all parishioners to become Eternal Guardians through gifts in Wills to our parish or to an area of the Archdiocese that matters most to you. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and generosity."

Our Lady of the Angels' Parish

Warmly welcomes new members through Baptism

**Frederick Exelby
Oscar & Maeve McMahon**

Baptisms are celebrated on Saturday mornings at 10:00am alternately at St Gerards' and St Paschals'. Bookings to be arranged in person at the Parish Office

Monday - Friday between 9am - 3pm.

Please check the Parish website for documentation required when making a booking.

Baptism preparation sessions will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month at St Paschal's Church following a Welcome Mass at 9:30 a.m. During mass the family will be presented with their child(ren)'s Baptismal candle to keep for the day of their baptism.

Congratulations

Congratulations Sr. Carmel Dwan on reaching your Diamond Jubilee. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to your faith and community for 60 years. May the years ahead be filled with blessings and joy as you continue your journey in faith.

Traffic Disruption

There will be traffic disruption on Maundrell Tce, from Monday 15th to Friday 19th April, while the school continues with its construction of its new centre. This will include Traffic Control to monitor site movements and ensure safety to the public.

Mothers' Day Craft Stall

St Gerard's at all Masses 20/21 April

St Paschal's at all Masses 27/28 April

Get in early for Mother's Day!

Items made by the St Gerard Majella Craft Group.

All proceeds go to Breast Cancer Research.

Prayers

Please remember the Priests, Deacons and Seminarians of Holy Spirit Seminary in your daily prayers. May God Grant them strength and wisdom as they continue their journey of faith and learning. Prayer Calendars are available at the entrance of both churches. Please take one home.

THURSDAY 25 April ANZAC DAY

Mass at St Paschal's - 9.00am

Morning tea to follow.

Please bring a plate to share.

All welcome!



Sacramental News 2024/2025

Children in Year 3 and above are now invited to participate in the 2024/2025 Sacramental Program. Enrolments are now open! You can collect an enrolment form from Our Lady of the Angel's school or parish offices and from the front entrance of both churches. **Enrolments close 26th July 2024.**

We look forward to further welcoming you to our parish community.

Larissa Skuce | Sacramental Coordinator

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CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's Liturgy at St Gerard's will commence on Sunday 21st April at the 8:00am Mass. In May it will take place on the Second and third Sunday of the month. Parents & grandparents bring the little ones along to begin their journey to knowing God better.



If you are willing to help as a Leader or Assistant please contact the Parish Office. Parents of the children would be very welcome.

Can You Help

David Seeto, aged 82, lives in McDowall and is unable to drive. He requires a lift to Mass at St Gerard's. If there is anyone in the Parish who is able to assist please contact the office on 33590239.

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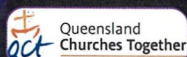
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DR. MICHAEL FORBES

DR MICHAEL FORBES IS A MATHEMATICIAN AND ENTREPRENEUR. HE HAS BEEN A PARTNER IN MANY STARTUP COMPANIES, MAINLY IN MATHEMATICAL SOFTWARE. FROM 2009 TO 2014 MICHAEL WAS PART OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM AT NET MINISTRIES. THROUGH HIS NET CONNECTIONS HE TRAVELLED TO UGANDA AND HAS BECOME INVOLVED IN MANY NEW BUSINESSES THERE. MICHAEL IS ALSO A SENIOR LECTURER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND. HE AND HIS WIFE LISA HAVE THREE CHILDREN AND 6+ GRANDCHILDREN, AND LOVE GOING ON (VERY) LONG WALKS. MICHAEL IS ALSO A KEEN RUNNER, HAVING RUN MANY MARATHONS, INCLUDING ONE IN 2023 AFTER OPEN HEART SURGERY IN 2021 TO REPLACE A LEAKY AORTIC VALVE. MICHAEL IS A LONG STANDING CORE TEAM MEMBER OF MENALIVE.

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Anniversaries: Please pray for Les Holman, Thelma D'Silva, Kevin Horrigan, Brian Byrne, and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of Remembrance.

Sick: Please pray for Amanda Whitfield, Pat O'Shea and all those whose names appear in our Parish Books of the Sick.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

21 April 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 4:8-12
 Psalm: Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29
 2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2
 Gospel: John 10:11-18

Our Lady of the Angels Parish

Weekend	1st	2nd	Loose	TOTAL
7/04/24	\$313.60	\$624.00	\$1563.45	\$2501.05

All donations are greatly appreciated

Regular Parish Activities

1st Friday: Adoration after 9.00am Mass St Gerards

2nd Friday: Anointing Mass 9.00am St Gerards

Rosary : before Friday Mass (*but not during Lent*)
 : after Friday Mass

What's on this Week: 15— 19 Apr 2024

Mon 15/04 Christian Meditation St P 5.45pm
 Thurs 18/04 Ladies Morning Tea St G 10.00am



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